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Attorney General to comment on, even if he chose to. But getting into the middle of an issue which is before the Legislature, as this one is, is totally inappropriate. And the reason I think the letter was so inappropriate, the Chairman sits on the committee. These are hard things. They need to be said by somebody. I have to do the heavy lifting, and I will do it, because I respect the institution of the Legislature. Its integrity must be upheld. I'm not accusing Senator Engel of doing something wicked. I'm saying a mistake was made. When this man Hergert has a case pending before our board, it is inappropriate for the chief judge to take an action...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that could be perceived as being done on behalf of the man whose case we're going to consider, when the request is made pursuant to a lobbyist's request. These lobbyists need to understand when they've stepped over a line. But they're going to get anything out of this Legislature that they can. We are going to have to protect ourselves and maintain our integrity as an institution. Now, this kind of presentation is what makes me the prince of darkness, meaning the evil one. But I will be that evil one as long as I'm in this Legislature. The lobbyists, the Attorney General, Senator Engel, Hergert, and all the others will understand that when I think a line has been crossed inappropriately and it becomes a matter of public knowledge, I am going to speak on behalf of the Legislature.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Senator Bourne, could I ask you a couple of questions in your capacity as Chairman of this committee?

SENATOR BOURNE: Certainly.